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- There is a widespread rumor in Hong Kong that the Nationalist invasion of the China mainland will occur between 1 April and 1 July 1050. It is estinated that the landing will be at various points between Shanghai and Peihai (109-05, 21-24).
- It is believed in Hong Kong that the rove will occur in late April, probably into Evangtung. These deductions are based on the reported withdrawal of Communist troops, the Nationalist bombing of south Kwangtung and Nationalist guerrilla conferences in Hong Kong. **
- The Nationalists officially admit the loss of Weichou Island (109-00, 21-11) but claim that any Communist concentration of troops or tanks on Weichou can be destroyed by air attack. Nationalist officials claim that the Communist capture of Weichou was the result of an inadequate Nationalist naval defense, which concentrated most of the vessels on the east and north side of the island.
- Nationalist daily mir attacks on Canton, Swatow and south Kwangtung continue, and the Chinese Air Force pilots report much damage in these areas.
 - 25X1A Comment. It is considered possibly true that there is such a rumor.

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